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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Guan et al.

Serial No.: 09/093,870

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For: Parallel Fixed Bed Reactor and
Fluid contacting Apparatus and
Method

Group Art Unit: 1746

Examiner: Lee, P.

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AMENDMENT A
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated September 20, 1999, and specifically, to the restriction requirement set forth therein, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~49-60~~, without prejudice. Please add new claims 61 and 62 as follows:

-- 61. (new) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the vessel-containing assembly further comprises a vessel inlet port located on the bottom surface of the base block, and vessel outlet ports located on the top surface of the cover block, the vessel inlet port providing fluid communication with an entrance control volume that provides

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